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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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LONG BRANCH

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with

LONG BRANCH CHURCH

Edgecombe County, North Carolina

Friday before the third Sunday in October,

1953

The next session of this Association will convene with Logsboro Church, between Tarboro and Leggett, Edgecombe County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1954

— Officers —

ELDER J. H. DICKENS ..... Moderator

BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY ..... Clerk

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Proceedings

OCTOBER 16, 17 and 18, 1953

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator arose and sang hymn 533 and Brother George Wimberly led in prayer. Then the Moderator arose and read for his morning lesson, St. John 14:1-16. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 382 and preached the Introductory Sermon from John 14. Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 3 and preached the alternate sermon from the same chapter. Elder Cherry arose and sang hymn 382 and the session closed for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. H. Dickens arose and opened by singing hymn 200 and prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Cherry. The Moderator arose and announced the house in order for any business.

1. Moved and agreed that Elder J. H. Dickens be Moderator of our Association conference.

2. Moved and agreed that all officers remain the same.

3. Moved and agreed that all delegates and messengers be invited to sit with us and take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

4. Moved and agreed that visiting brethren and sisters are invited to sit with us and help us out in our deliberations and feel themselves at home.

5. Moved and agreed that the list of churches be called. Leggett Chapel, Logsboro, Long Branch, Tar River Chapel and Carson Chapel all answered present.

6. Moved and agreed that a door be opened for receiving of new churches. One came forward: Elder Tenth Loyd and his church letter.

7. Moved and agreed that the letter be received, and the bearer of the letter be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the bearer.

8. Moved and agreed that a committee of three be appointed

to arrange preaching during the session. They were as follows: Elder John Charles and Brethren Austin Higgs and Sam Bryant.

9. Moved and agreed that the report of the committee be received.

10. Moved and agreed that we will send someone to the stand to preach for the people. Elder John Pitt and Elder Willie Carney and Elder Johnnie Morning.

11. Moved and agreed that the report of the committee be received.

12. Moved and agreed that Brother Resion Loyd go to the stand and record the preaching texts from day to day.

13. Moved and agreed that the delegates from the sister associations with whom we correspond now make their report. Elder Arthur Cherry came forth from Corresponding Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

14. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Corresponding Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder Julius Best came forth from Radicue Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

15. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Radicue be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Brother David Bullock came forth from Union Line Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

16. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Union Line Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder John Pitt came forth from Bethlehem Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

17. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Bethlehem Association be received by the Moderator extending the right

hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder Ceasar Austin came forth from Cooper Grove Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

18. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Cooper Grove Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder Sylvallia Worsley came forth from Contentnea Association with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

19. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Contentnea Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

20. Moved and agreed that the Corresponding Letter be called for; there was none.

21. Moved and agreed that the petitionary letters be called for; none received.

22. Moved and agreed that we will see where the next session of our Association will meet. The Long Branch Association will convene with Logsboro Church, between Tarboro and Leggett, Edgecombe County, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1954.

23. Moved and agreed that Elder J. H. Dickens preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder John Charles be his alternate.

24. Moved and agreed that the Long Branch conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. The Moderator arose and sang hymn 505 and benediction was by Elder Wooten.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 606 and prayer was offered by Elder Charlie Powell. The Moderator then arose and announced that the Association was open for business.

It was moved and agreed that the list of churches be called; all answered present. Moved and agreed that the list of delegates be called and all answered present. Moved and agreed that the minutes of the Friday evening session be received and all errors be corrected. Moved and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report which was as follows. Elder Ben Sharp, Elder Joe Taylor and Elder Ceasar Austin, and as many more as the Moderator sees fit. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received. Moved and agreed that the Association Letter be called for. Moved and agreed that we will take up unfinished business.

Moved and agreed that we choose our delegates to visit our corresponding associations. It was moved and agreed to send the delegates as follows:

Contentnea: Elder Frank Bell.

Cooper Grove: Elder J. H. Dickens.

Radicue: Elder Willie Carney.

Loving: Elder Willie Carney and Brother George Wimberly to seek correspondence.

Union Line: Elder J. H. Dickens.

Bethlehem: Elder John Charles.

Corresponding: Brother Joe Willie Dickens.

Moved and agreed that the Clerk have 250 copies of these minutes printed under the service of the Moderator.

Moved and agreed that the Association take up a contribution.

Received from the churches:

Long Branch Church	$15.00
Logsboro Church	15.00
Leggett Chapel Church	15.00
Tar River Chapel Church	15.00
Carson Chapel Church	15.00
Little Mount Zion Church	.00
Total	$75.00
Penny Collection	79.56
Expenses of the Association	75.00
Balance	$79.56

Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee make their report. Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee's report be received. Moved and agreed that the old treasurer make his report. Moved and agreed that the report be received.

Moved and agreed that the Rules of Decorum and the Church Government, and Abstract of Principles be printed in the 1954 minutes. Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee pay off the indebtedness of the Association. It was moved and agreed that if there be no further business the Association would adjourn until 1954. The Moderator arose and sang hymn 505 and the benediction was given by the Moderator.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING.

Ministers' Texts:

Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 200 and led in prayer. Elder John Pitt arose and sang hymn 353 and preached from John 1:1. Elder Willie Carney arose and sang hymn 18 and preached from Matt. 1. Elder Johnnie Morning arose and preached from Luke 1:16. Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 3 and closed.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Ministers' Texts:

Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 2 and Elder Pitt offered prayer. Then Elder Sylvalia Worsley arose and sang hymn 353 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder William Barnwell arose and sang hymn 433 and preached a wonderful text. Elder Willie Luckins arose and sang hymn 364 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elden George Thorp arose and sang hymn 582 and preached from Gen. 22. Elder Barrett arose and sang hymn 63 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 507 and closed the

union.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Ministers' Texts:

Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 73 and offered prayer by Brother Rance Loyd. Brother Joe Willie Dickens arose and sang hymn 355 and preached from John 15:1-7. Elder Julius Best arose and sang hymn 3 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Sylvalia Worsley arose and sang hymn 144 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Charles Powell arose and sang hymn 34 and preached a wonderful text. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and preached from John 15:14. Elder Willie Carney arose and preached a wonderful sermon. The Moderator arose and made a few remarks and sang hymn 393 and closed.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Ministers' Texts:

The Moderator arose and sang hymn 582 and Elder John Pitt offered prayer. The Moderator arose and read Matt. 26:12. Elder Charles Powell arose and sang hymn 288 and preached from John 6. Elder John Pitt arose and sang hymn 200 and preached from John 15. Elder Julius Best arose and sang hymn 3 and preached from John 1. Elder Johnnie Morning arose and sang hymn 91 and preached from John 15. Elder W. M. Weaver arose and sang hymn 2 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder B. B. Exum arose and sang hymn 364 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Cecil Alston arose and sang hymn 96 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Warren Cooper arose and sang hymn 383 and preached from Rev. 12. Elder J. H. Winstead arose and sang hymn 490 and preached from Rev. 12. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and made a few remarks of encouragement and sang hymn 616 and the Association was dismissed by Elder Johnnie Morning.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the Sixth Annual Session of the Long Branch Primitive Baptist Association, held with Long Branch Church in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1953.

Dear Brethren,—The Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful of our Heavenly Father for preseving our lives. Oh, how good it it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in liberty with which Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the word of God may have its free course and all we do be done in the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

The beginning of our Sixth Annual Session of the Long Branch Primitive Baptist Association has filled our hearts with gladness. We are glad to express our heartfelt thanks to God who rules both time and season, heaven and earth, since meeting together in our annual session. Many of our friends have gone to their long eternal home and to us who have been spared the journey we mourn them. So brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortness of time and length of eternity. Knowing the time that knows us now will know us no more. Brethren, remember us in your prayers that the Chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Frank Bell, Oak City, N. C., R. F. D. 1
Elder Willie Carney, R. F. D. 1, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder J. H. Dickens, R. F. D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.

DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bro. Mack Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Austin Higgs, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bro. George Wimberly, R.F.D. 4, Greenville, N. C.
Bro. Jonah Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Tom Loyd, Bethel, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Sister Sylvia S. Bryant, Speed, N. C.
Bro. Norfleet Carney, R.F.D. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Sister Mary L. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Long Branch—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Logsboro—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Leggett Chapel—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Tar River Chapel—Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.
Carson Chapel—Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DEACONS

Long Branch—Bro. George Wimberly
Logsboro—Bro. Mack Dickens
Leggett Chapel—Bros. Austin Higgs and George Wimberly
Tar River Chapel—Bro. Jonah Knight
Carson Chapel—Bro. Tom Loyd

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Long Branch—Norfleet Carney, Rt. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Logsboro—Sister Sylvia S. Bryant, Speed, N. C.
Leggett Chapel—Norfleet Carney, Rt. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Tar River—Sister Mary E. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Carson Chapel—Sister Mary E. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Long Branch—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Logsboro—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Leggett Chapel—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Tar River Chapel—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Carson Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS

Long Branch—February, May, August, November.
Logsboro—February, May, August, November.
Leggett Chapel—February, May, August, November.
Tar River Chapel—March, June, September, December.
Carson Chapel—February, May, August, November.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by reputed righteousness in Christ.
5. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
6. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, particular election.
7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall.
8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet are ordinances and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of righteous shall be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly ordained presbytery.

ELDER JAMES H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Each church agrees to hold conferences once a month.
2. The Moderator and Clerk should be chosen by the majority of the delegates present.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise or prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members of fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office. This shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such members will be dealt with according to the gospel order.

10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.

11. We agree to wash feet four times a year at each church.

12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty to do so.

13. If any member of the church becomes dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.

14. If any member shall wilfully absent himself from communion, he shall make his reason known to the church.

15. If any member violates any of these he shall be brought to trial. He must be tried by his own church.

16. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgresses these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.

17. We agree not to commune with any persons unless they are baptized in our faith and order.

18. We agree to commune with predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.

19. If any member sees another transgressing the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after applying the 18th Chapter of Matthew, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves. Each church shall have a Moderator and be governed by the voice of the members.

20. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his Trial Sermon in a union or association.

21. No ordination shall be done only in union or in association.

22. No traffic or trade shall be carried on within 150 yards of the church grounds.

23. No minister or member shall have a right to carry any of the corresponding association property to any other association.

24. No members who have been withdrawn from fellowship will be allowed to come into the Association. He first shall get the right of his home church. The Long Branch Association was organized July 31st, 1948, by the corresponding association and the assistance of the Bethlehem and Radicue Associations.

On August 23, 1948, the Board of Brethren met at Johnson Chapel Church in reorganizing council with the corresponding brethren and the Long Branch brethren. First Brother Deacon Joyner sang hymn 533 and offered prayer. Then, on motion, agreed that Elder B. B. Exum be Moderator of Council. The house was announced in order for business. On motion it was agreed that Elder S. T. Woodard be chosen for clerk. On motion, it was agreed that visiting brethren and messengers take a seat with us and feel themselves at home.

Next, Brother Deacon Wimberly came forth and explained how the organizing of the Long Branch Association was carried out. Next, Elder B. B. Exum came forth and explained what this called meeting was for. Next, Elder W. J. Moore and Elder J. H. Winstead came forth to talk on the meeting. On motion that minutes of the previous meeting be read, it was granted. On motion agreed that Elder B. B. Exum come forth and confess his error and beg the conference to forgive him. On motion, agreed that it be granted. On motion agreed that the Long Branch brethren be left in care of the corresponding association until their session meeting Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1948. On motion that the Long Branch brethren be in full fellowship with our corresponding churches wherever they be.

On motion, agreed that the clerk will take these minutes home and

straighten them out as best he can and mail them to the different brethren.

It was granted.

On motion that the minutes of the previous meeting, which they held, be received. It was granted by conference.

On motion, agreed if no other business, conference adjourn by singing hymn 507.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator

BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Rec'd by Conf.	Membership	Contribution
Long Branch	Bro. George Wimberly	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	11	$15.00
Logsboro	Bro. Mack Dickens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	15.00
Leggett Chapel	Bro. Austin Higgs	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	13	15.00
Tar River Chapel	Bro. Jonah Knight	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	15.00
Carson Chapel	Bro. Tom Loyd	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	15.00

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EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Friday before the Third Sunday In October,

1954

The next session of this Association will convene with Leggett Chapel Church in Leggett, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1955.

— Officers —

ELDER J. H. DICKENS ..... Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY ..... Clerk
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT ..... Assistant Clerk

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OCTOBER 15, Friday Morning Session.

The Moderator arose and sang hymn 382, and Brother George Dickens led in prayer. Then the Moderator arose and read for his morning lesson John 14. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 533, and preached the Introductory Sermon from John 14. Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 3, and preached the alternate sermon from the same chapter. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and sang hymn 2, and the session closed for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. H. Dickens arose and opened by singing hymn 582, and prayer was offered by Brother Shipp. The Moderator arose and announced the house in order for any business.

1. Moved and agreed that Elder J. H. Dickens be Moderator of our Association conference.

2. Moved and agreed that Brother George hold his same office.

3. Moved and agreed that all officers remain the same.

4. Moved and agreed that all delegates and messengers be invited to sit with us and take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

5. Moved and agreed that visiting brothers and sisters are invited to sit with us and help us out in our deliberations and feel themselves at home.

6. Moved and agreed that Brother Travis Knight be our assistant Clerk.

7. Moved and agreed that the list of churches be called:

Leggett Chapel, Logsboro, Long Branch, Tar River Chapel, Carson Chapel, and Little Mount Zion. All answered present.

8. Moved and agreed that a door be opened for receiving new churches. None came.

9. Moved and agreed that a Committee of three be appointed to arrange preaching during the session. They were as follows:

Elder John Charles, Brother Sam Bryant, and Resion Lloyd.

10. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be

received.

11. Moved and agreed that we will send someone to the stand to preach for the people:

12. Brother Jenel Dickens, Elder John Pitt, Elder Joe Taylor.

13. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received.

14. Moved and agreed that Brother Resion Lloyd go to the stand and record the preachers' texts from day to day.

15. Moved and agreed that the delegates from the sister Associations with whom we correspond now make their report:

Elder H. G. Gardner came forth from Corresponding Association with a file of Minutes, representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue.

16. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Corresponding Associations be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder Joe Taylor came forth from Radicue Association with a file of Minutes, representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue.

17. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Radicue be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fllowship to the delegates.

Brother Ricks came forth from Union Line Association with a file of Minutes, representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue.

18. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Union Line Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder John Pitt came forth from Bethlehem Association with a file of Minutes, representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue.

19. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Bethlehem Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Elder Cecil Alston came forth from Cooper Grove Association with a file of Minutes, representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue.

20. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Cooper Grove

Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Contentnea was not represented.

Elder H. Araford came forth from Loving Association with a file of Minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue.

21. Moved and agreed that the delegates from Loving Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

22. Moved and agreed that the corresponding letters be called for. There were none.

23. Moved and agreed the petitionary letters be called for. None received.

24. Moved and agreed that we will see where the next session of our Association will meet. The Long Branch Association will convene with Leggett Chapel Church, in Edgecombe County, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1955.

25. Moved and agreed that Elder J. H. Dickens preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder John Charles be his alternate.

26. Moved and agreed that the Long Branch conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The Moderator arose and sang hymn 400 and benediction was by Elder Joe Taylor.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator,
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT Ast. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 393, and prayer was offered by Brother Joe Joyner. The Moderator then arose and announced that the Association was open for business.

27. It was moved and agreed that the list of the churches be called. All answered present.

28. Moved and agreed that the Minutes of the Friday evening session be received and all errors corrected.

29. Moved and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report which was as follows: Brother Jenel Dickens,

Elder John Pitt and Elder Joe Taylor, and as many more as the Moderator sees fit.

30. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received.

31. Moved and agreed the Association Letter be called for.

32. Moved and agreed that we take up unfinished business.

33. Moved and agreed that we choose our delegates to visit corresponding Associations. It was moved and agreed to send the delegates as follows:

Contentnea: Elder J. H. Dickens.

Cooper Grove: Elder John Charles.

Radicue: Elder J. H. Dickens.

Loving: Elder J. H. Dickens.

Union Line: Elder John Charles.

Bethlehem: Brother George Wemberly.

Corresponding: Brother Jenel Dickens.

34. Moved and agreed that the Clerk have 250 copies of these Minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator.

35. Moved and agreed the Association take up a contribution.

Received from the churches:

Long Branch Church	$ 15.00	
Logsboro Church	15.00	
Leggett Chapel Church	15.00	
Tar River Chapel Church	15.00	
Carson Chapel Church	15.00	
Little Mount Zion Church	17.00	
Total	$92.00	$92.00
Penny Collection	$241.94	
Expenses of the Association	123.17	
Balance	118.77	

36. Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee make their report.

37. Moved and agreed that the Financial report be received.

38. Moved and agreed that the old Treasurer make his report.

39. Moved and agreed that the report be received.

40. Moved and agreed that the Rules of Decorum and the

Church Government and Abstract of Principles be printed in the Minutes for 1955.

41. Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee pay off the indebtedness of the Association.

42. Moved and agreed that the Association will ordain Brother Joe Willis Dickens tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

43. It was moved and agreed that if there be no further business, the Association will adjourn until 1955. The Moderator arose and sang hymn 507 and the benediction was given by the Moderator.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator,
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT, Ass't. C.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Elder John Charles arose and sang hymn 3, and Brother Joe Joiner offered prayer; then Brother Jenel Dickens arose and preached from John 15. Brother Joe Willis Dickens arose and preached John 15. Elder John Pitt preached from Gen. 1. Elder Joe Taylor preached from John 14. Elder John Charles sang hymn 200 and closed the union.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Brother Ricks sang hymn 353 and Brother Ransom Lloyd offered prayer. The Moderator read for his lesson John 14. Bro. Ransom Lloyd preached from John 14. Brother Jenel Dickens preached from John 15:14. Brother Joe Willis Dickens preached from John 11. Elder Sylvanus Worsley sang hymn 73 and preached from John 11. Elder J. H. Dickens made a few remarks of encouragement and sang hymn 616 and closed.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Ministers' texts, and the ordination of Brother Joe Willis Dickens. The Moderator sang hymn No. 2 and prayer was offered by Elder Willie Carney. The Moderator read Matt. 25:14 and ordained Brother Joe Willis Dickens. Then the Moderator sang hymn 188 and prayer was offered by Brother George Wemberly. The Moderator read Matt. 26:12. Then Elder Joe Willis Dickens arose and preached from Matt. 25.

Elder John Pitt arose and preached, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. Elder Joe Taylor sang hymn 144 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 353 and preached from John 14. Elder H. Umford arose and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Charles Powell sang hymn 492 and preached from Psa. 105. Elder Frank Gear preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Johnnie Morning sang hymn 91 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Woodfin sang hymn 3 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Levy Hill sang hymn 284 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder J. H. Dickens arose and made a few remarks of encouragement and sang hymn 400 and the Association was dismissed by Elder Levy Hill.

CIRCULAR LETTER

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BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk,
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT, Ass't. Clerk.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Frank Bell, Oak City, N. C., R. F. D. 1
Elder Willie Carney, R. F. D. 1, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder J. H. Dickens, R. F. D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Trent Lloyd, Speed, N. C.
Elder Joe Willis Dickens, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.

DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bro. Mack Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Austin Higgs, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bro. George Wimberly, R.F.D. 4, Greenville, N. C.
Bro. Jonah Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Bro. Tom Loyd, Bethel, N. C.
Brother Jack Sherrod, Hobgood, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Sister Sylvia S. Bryant, Speed, N. C.
Bro. Norfleet Carney, R.F.D. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Sister Mary L. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Sister Laller Lloyd, Speed, N. C.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Long Branch—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Logsboro—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Leggett Chapel—Elder J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Tar River Chapel—Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.
Carson Chapel—Elder John Charles, Tarboro, N. C.
Little Mount Zion—Elder Trent Lloyd, Spped, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DEACONS

Long Branch—Bro. George Wimberly
Logsboro—Bro. Mack Dickens
Leggett Chapel—Bros. Austin Higgs and George Wimberly
Tar River Chapel—Bro. Jonah Knight
Carson Chapel—Bro. Tom Loyd
Little Mount Zion—Brother Jack Sherrod

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Long Branch—Norfleet Carney, Rt. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Logsboro—Sister Sylvia S. Bryant, Speed, N. C.
Leggett Chapel—Norfleet Carney, Rt. 3, Box 228A, Tarboro, N. C.
Tar River—Sister Mary E. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Carson Chapel—Sister Mary E. Knight, Tarboro, N. C.
Little Mount Zion—Sister Laller Lloyd, Speed, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Long Branch—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Logsboro—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Leggett Chapel—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Tar River Chapel—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Carson Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Mount Zion—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS

Long Branch—February, May, August, November.
Logsboro—February, May, August, November.
Leggett Chapel—February, May, August, November.
Tar River Chapel—March, June, September, December.
Carson Chapel—February, May, August, November.
Little Mount Zion—February, May, August, November.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by reputed righteousness in Christ.

5. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, particular election.

7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall.

8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet are ordinances and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of righteous shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly ordained presbytery.

ELDER JAMES H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT, Assistant Clerk

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Each church agrees to hold conferences once a month.
2. The Moderator and Clerk should be chosen by the majority of the delegates present.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise or prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members of fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office. This shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such members will be dealt with according to the gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet four times a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty to do so.
13. If any member of the church becomes dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. If any member shall wilfully absent himself from communion, he shall make his reason known to the church.
15. If any member violates any of these he shall be brought to trial. He must be tried by his own church.
16. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgresses these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
17. We agree not to commune with any persons unless they are baptized in our faith and order.
18. We agree to commune with predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
19. If any member sees another transgressing the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after applying the 18th Chapter of Matthew, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves. Each church shall have a Moderator and be governed by the voice of the members.
20. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his Trial Sermon in a union or association.
21. No ordination shall be done only in union or in association.
22. No traffic or trade shall be carried on within 150 yards of the church grounds.
23. No minister or member shall have a right to carry any of the corresponding association property to any other association.
24. No members who have been withdrawn from fellowship will be allowed to come into the Association. He first shall get the right of his

home church. The Long Branch Association was organized July 31st, 1948, by the corresponding association and the assistance of the Bethlehem and Radicue Associations.

On August 23, 1948, the Board of Brethren met at Johnson Chapel Church in reorganizing council with the corresponding brethren and the Long Branch brethren. First Brother Deacon Joyner sang hymn 533 and offered prayer. Then, on motion, agreed that Elder B. B. Exum be Moderator of Council. The house was announced in order for business. On motion it was agreed that Elder S. T. Woodard be chosen for clerk. On motion, it was agreed that visiting brethren and messengers take a seat with us and feel themselves at home.

Next, Brother Deacon Wimberly came forth and explained how the organizing of the Long Branch Association was carried out. Next, Elder B. B. Exum came forth and explained what this called meeting was for. Next, Elder W. J. Moore and Elder J. H. Winstead came forth to talk on the meeting. On motion that minutes of the previous meeting be read, it was granted. On motion agreed that Elder B. B. Exum come forth and confess his error and beg the conference to forgive him. On motion, agreed that it be granted. On motion agreed that the Long Branch brethren be left in care of the corresponding association until their session meeting Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1948. On motion that the Long Branch brethren be in full fellowship with our corresponding churches wherever they be.

On motion, agreed that the clerk will take these minutes home and straighten them out as best he can and mail them to the different brethren.

It was granted.

On motion that the minutes of the previous meeting, which they held, be received. It was granted by conference.

On motion, agreed if no other business, conference adjourn by singing hymn 507.

ELDER J. H. DICKENS, Moderator
BROTHER NORFLEET CARNEY, Clerk
BROTHER TRAVIS KNIGHT, Assistant Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Rec'd on Conf.	Total Membership	Contribution
Long Branch	Brother George Wemberly	..	..	..	..		..	..	11	$15.00
Logsboro	Brother Mack Dickens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	15.00
Leggett Chapel	Brother Austin Higgs	..	..	..	..		..	..	13	15.00
Tar River Chapel	Brother Jonah Knight	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	15.00
Carson Chapel	Brother Tom Lloyd	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	15.00
Little Mount Zion	Brothe Jack Sherrod	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	17.00